

HB0087 Public Health- Immunizations- Minor Consent (Access to Vaccines Act)

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Oppose

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

I oppose this bill because it puts children in our state at risk. This concerns me as a parent of two because there is already so much that a 16-year-old child can't do. They can't vote, buy alcohol (or cigarettes) or join the military. As a society, we have agreed that they need parental support until age 18. I can't believe some states have no minimum age at all. That upsets me deeply -- it's like chipping away at parental rights and putting more stress on children. Any vaccinations should be given by a family physician with parental consent.

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